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I am writing as a citizen of Massachusetts in regards to the proposed settlement with Microsoft. As a "computer professional" I am very familiar with the industry and Microsoft and firmly believe that the proposed settlement is unfair to numerous corporations that have attempted to develop competing products, consumers who have used or even those that have *not* used Microsoft products.

I firmly believe that Microsoft has engaged in numerous anti-trust violations. Their unfair business practices seems to permeate the entire company. For example, the company I was most recently at, and held the position of Vice President of Engineering, was looking to raise additional venture capital. We were courting Microsoft as one of those investors. Although the deal never went through, Microsoft required a deal where they would invest \$5M in the company, but *required* that we commit to buying \$2M worth of Microsoft products.

I hope that a more fair and equitable agreement can be reached in regards to this matter.

Yours truly,

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